GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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CARPET WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government are aware of the deplorable condition of carpet weavers in the country;

(b) if so, whether the carpet weavers throughout the country are neither getting, raw material at a subsidised rates nor any finances from banks/ financial institutions;

(c) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to encourage and provide assistance to carpet weavers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): While there is a need to improve the condition of carpet weavers in the country, as per available information, the per capita income of artisans including weavers has not declined during the past few years. The carpet weavers are being provided assistance by way of various schemes of the Government, which include training; design development; support for marketing development; common facility centres and opportunities for direct marketing; workshed-cum-housing, group insurance; health package and pension under indigent circumstances to National Award winners. In so far as financial support is concerned, loans are being provided by commercial banks under the refinance facilities of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)Refinance facilities to the Banks facilitates charging of lower interest rate not exceeding Prime Lending Rates by the Banks from artisans/units availing loans upto Rs.2.00 lakhs.